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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: ZAMBIAN ALLEGATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK.

REFS: LUSAKA 1847, PRETORIA 3086 ( NOTAL), USUN 2925

1. WEEKEND PRESS REPORTED SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY SOPKESMAN AS HAVING COMMENTED ON PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S DESCRIPTION OF ALLEGED ATTACK BY NOTING THAT ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ATTACK HAD BEEN ON A SWAPO CAMP IN IMMEDIATE

BORDER AREA. NO THER DIRECT COMMENT HAS BEEN MADE ON ZAMBIAN CHARGE.

2. JULY 18 SUNDAY EXPRESS PROVIDED MORE DETAIL THAN GIVEN IN OTHER PAPERS OF MILITARY BRIEFING ON NAMIBIA BORDER SITUATION GIVEN JULY 17. BRIEFING COVERED TWO WEEK PERIOD ENDING 17TH, AND INDICATED THAT 26 TERRORISTS HAD BEEN KILLED AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION CAPTURED IN " OPERATIONAL AREA". FOUR OVAMBOS WERE KILLED BY TERRORISTS, WHO HAD ALSO ABDUCTED TOTAL OF 13 PERSONS AND LOOTED SEVERAL SHOPS. PRINCIPAL POINT OF INTEREST IS FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS ON JULY 10, WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BE RELATED TO ZAMBIAN CHAGE ALTHOUGH LOCATIONS ARE NOT GIVEN:

"ON JULY 10 TERRORISTS LAUNCHED AN UNSUCCESSFUL AMBUSH FROM ACROSS THE ANGOLAN BORDER. NEITHER SIDE SUFFERED CASUALTIES. ON SAME DAY EIGHT TERRORISTS WERE KILLED IN TWO SKIRMISHES NEAR THE BORDER, FIVE IN ONE OF THE BATTLES. WHILE BURNING DOWN TERRORIST HUTS WHERE ONE OF THE SKIRMISHES OCCURRED, AN AMMUNITION DUMP BENEATH THE FLOOR OF A HUT EXPLODED."

COMMENT: IT SEEMS TO US THAT THIS PHRASEOLOGY WOULD INDICATE THAT SOME KIND OF SWAPO CAMP OUTSIDE NAMIBIA PROPER HAD BEEN ATTACKED.

3. MINISTER OF JUSTICE DRUGER, COMMENTING SEPARATELY ON JULY 15, TOLD PRESSMEN THAT A GROUP OF 17 TERRORISTS WHO HAD PENETRATED SOUTH OF OVAMBOLAND BEGINNING JUNE 14 HAD BEEN FULLY CONTROLLED. SIX WERE KILLED, THREE WOUNDED, ONE OF WHOM WAS CAPTURED, AND THE OTHERS DRIVEN BACK INTO ANGOLA. HE SAID SECURITY FORCES WERE AWARE OF EVERY PENETRATION THAT OCCURRED AND WHERE REACTION TIME PERMITTED WERE ABLE TO INTERCEPT AND CONTROL SUCH FORAYS.

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